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SUBJECT: BETZ NAMED NEW COMMANDANT OF LUXEMBOURG ARMY

1. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TODAY NAMED MAJOR JEAN BETZ TO BECOME COMMANDANT OF THE LUXEMBOURG ARMY ON FEBRUARY 4, SUCCEEDING COLONEL PIERRE DAUFFENBACH WHO WILL RETIRE ON THAT DATE. MAJOR RENE SCHILTZ WAS NAMED TO COMMAND THE ARMY'S TRAINING CENTER AT DIEKIRCH AND CAPTAIN PIERRE BERGEM TO COMMAND THE NATO-DEDICATED HEAVY INFANTRY BATTALION.

2. BETZ, NOW 50, WAS CHOSEN OVER SEVERAL OFFICERS SENIOR TO HIM IN RANK AND AGE. ARMY SOURCES INDICATE HE WAS SPECIFICALLY PICKED FOR THE POST BECAUSE HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO RETAIN UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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IT LONG ENOUGH BEFORE RETIREMENT TO ESTABLISH CONTINUITY AND RAPPORT WITH NATO COLLEAGUES.

3. BORN MARCH 9, 1925 IN LUXEMBOURG, BETZ IS A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER. HE RECEIVED MOST OF HIS PROFESSIONAL FORMATION IN FRANCE, GRADUATING FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY AT SAINT CYR AND LATER RECEIVING ADVANCED TRAINING FROM THE ECOLE D'ETAT-MAJEURE AND THE ECOLE DE GUERRE. HE HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER AS A STAFF OFFICER SPECIALIZING IN ADMINISTRATION. FLUENT IN FRENCH AND GERMAN IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE LUXEMBOURGISH, HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH AND HAS NEVER VISITED THE UNITED STATES. HE IS MARRIED AND IS NOT CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH ANY POLITICAL MOVEMENT. MORE COMPLETE BIO INFORMATION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. PHILLIPS

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